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**'NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH & SCIENCE CONFERENCE'
IS APRIL 30-MAY 2 AT UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA**

MISSOULA--

About 100 high school students from Montana's seven Indian reservations will participate in the "Native American Health & Science Conference" Tuesday through Thursday (April 30-May 2) at the University of Montana in Missoula.

The three-day program, designed to interest Indian students in health-related professions, will include tours of local medical facilities and discussions of the premedical facilities, curricula and financial aids available at UM.

The conference is sponsored by the UM Kyi-Yo Indian Club's Indian Health Society. Barbara Olson, director of the UM School of Pharmacy's Minority Recruitment Program, and Marjorie Bear Don't Walk, director of the National Institute of Health grant under the Native American Studies program at UM, are conference coordinators.

Dr. George Blue Spruce, Washington, D. C., director of the Bureau of Health Manpower Opportunities, will be one of the speakers during the conference.

Citing the need for Indians in the health-related professions, Olson said Blue Spruce is one of only 10 Indian dentists in the U.S., and she said there are only 43 Indian physicians in the nation.

Conference tours of local medical facilities will include visits to Community and St. Patrick Hospitals and to several veterinary clinics--Animal Clinic, Missoula Veterinary Clinic and Pruyn Veterinary Hospital.

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Registration for the three-day program will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, at the Holiday Inn.

Speakers at an orientation session Tuesday evening will include Dr. Robert L. Van Horne, dean of the UM School of Pharmacy; Henrietta V. Whiteman, director of UM Native American Studies; Alan Crawford, president of the Kyi-Yo Indian Health Society; Dan Decker, president of the UM Kyi-Yo Indian Club, and Jeff Hart, a UM graduate student.

Hart will discuss Indian medicine. Other conference speakers will include Don Jennings, Oklahoma City, Okla., director of the American Association of Indian Physicians; Nancy Munro, Missoula, a nutrition expert who is a consultant for the local Head Start Training Office, and Dr. Richard N. Ushijima, a microbiology professor at UM.

Portions of the health-science conference will be in conjunction with the Sixth Annual Kyi-Yo Indian Youth Conference May 2-4 at UM.

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